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Dear Tribal Leader:

In my correspondence of December 30, 2003, I formally announced that the Sixth Annual Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Tribal Budget Consultation Session would be conducted on May 12 and 13 and invited you to participate in planning for and attending our annual session. Thank you for your continued support and work with the HHS. In accordance with the HHS Tribal Consultation Policy with American Indian/Alaska Native Tribes and Indian Organizations, I am pleased provide you a draft agenda for the Sixth Annual HHS Tribal Budget Consultation Session on May 12 and 13 at the Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. The Secretary and I invite tribal leaders, national and regional tribal governmental organizations and other Native organizations to participate in our annual session. On Wednesday, May 12, the meeting will convene in HHH Conference Room 800 at 1:00 p.m. and recess at 5:00 p.m. On Thursday, May 13, the meeting will convene in The Great Hall at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

Please register for the meeting so that we may work with Building Security to ensure your fast efficient entry into the building to attend the consultation session and provide you with nametags and printed meeting material. Contact Joel Simonds, Program Assistant, National Indian Health Board, at e-mail jsimonds@nihb.org or telephone (202) 742-4262 to register for the meeting.

The Tribal Budget Consultation Planning Committee, consisting of Tribal Leaders, Indian Tribal Organization Leaders and HHS staff, has designed and developed a meeting agenda that incorporates and addresses tribal priorities and leads to effective and efficient use of consultation time to achieve desired outcomes. The purpose of the meeting is to provide American Indians/Alaska Natives, Indian tribal organizations and Departmental representatives an opportunity to review, discuss and develop national health care and human services funding needs and priorities for the Department's FY 2006 budget request. Heads of HHS Operating and Staff Divisions will attend the meeting to hear your needs and priorities first hand and discuss them with you.

Enclosed for your review is the Tribal Budget Consultation Planning Committee's draft meeting agenda. The first ½ day, Wednesday afternoon, is devoted to review and

discussion of policy issues; the second day, Thursday, focuses entirely on consultation to develop the Department's FY 2006 Budget. All technical assistance sessions with Division staff and final edits of written remarks will be completed prior to May 12. Presentations for each topic will consist of a five-minute summary of submitted remarks by the designated Tribal Leader followed by 15 minutes of discussion and dialogue with HHS representatives.

To facilitate review and preparation for the May 12-13 budget consultation session you may review FY 2005 budget consultation information on the following web sites:

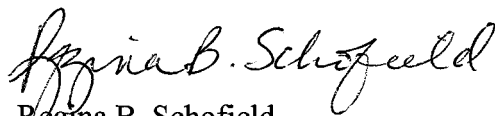
- (1) FY 2005 Tribal Budget Consultation Meeting Transcript
<http://www.hhs.gov/iga/tribal/>
- (2) Description of the President's FY 2005 Budget Request
<http://www.hhs.gov/budget/docbudget.htm>.

Upon conclusion of the budget consultation session, the National Indian Health Board will host an open house at their office, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., to celebrate the opening of the Tribal Leaders Resource Center and launch the new National Indian Health Board website. Stop by and see firsthand all the exciting activities dedicated to improving the health of American Indians and Alaska Natives. The National Indian Health Board is located at 101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Suite 8-B02, Washington, D.C.

Questions about the Sixth Annual HHS Tribal Budget Consultation Session may be directed to Ms. Stacey Ecoffey, Tribal Affairs Specialist, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs/Tribal Activities, at telephone (202) 690-7410, Fax (202) 690-5672, or e-mail address Stacey.Ecoffey@hhs.gov.

I look forward to your participation in this HHS consultation session and our continued partnership.

Sincerely,



Regina B. Schofield
Director, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

Enclosure

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
SIXTH ANNUAL TRIBAL BUDGET CONSULTATION MEETING ON
THE 2006 BUDGET
HUBERT H. HUMPHREY BUILDING
MAY 12, 2004**

- 1:00-1:05** **OPENING BLESSING**
Tribal Representative
- 1:05-1:15** **WELCOME from HHS**
Andy Knapp, Deputy Chief of Staff
- 1:15-1:25** **WELCOME FROM TRIBES**
TBA
- 1:25-1:45** **SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
(SAMHSA) – ACCESS TO RECOVERY (ATR) GRANTS**
Discussion/Dialogue
Mickey Peercy, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
- 1:45-2:05** **OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**
Discussion/Dialogue
Ron Allen, Jamestown S'Skallam Tribe
- 2:05-2:35** **CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES**
John Blackhawk, Tribal Technical Assistance Advisory Group
Discussion/Dialogue
- 2:35-2:55** **OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS**
NWPAIHB
- 2:55-3:10** **Break**
- 3:10-3:30** **DIABETES PREVENTION AND TREATMENT**
Alvin Windy Boy, Chairman, Chippewa Cree Tribe
Discussion/Dialogue
- 3:30-3:50** **TITLE IV-E, FOSTER CARE & ADOPTION ASSISTANCE**
Discussion/Dialogue
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- 3:50-4:10** **CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT**
Discussion/Dialogue
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- 4:10-4:50** **TRIBAL COMMENTS**
- 4:50-5:00** **CLOSING PRAYER**

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SIXTH ANNUAL TRIBAL BUDGET CONSULTATION MEETING ON THE 2006
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MAY 13, 2004**

Moderator: *Kerry N. Weems Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget, Technology and Finance*

9:00- 9:05 **OPENING BLESSING**
Frank Chee Willetto, Sr.

9:05 – 9:10 **WELCOME from HHS**
Regina B. Schofield, Director, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

9:10 – 9:20 **HHS Opening Remarks**
TBD

9:20 - 9:30 **INTRADEPARTMENTAL COUNCIL FOR NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS**
Quannah Crossland Stamps, Chairman; Commissioner, Administration For Native Americans (ANA)
Dr. Charles W. Grim, Vice-Chairman; Director, Indian Health Service (IHS)

9:30 – 9:35 **REVIEW OF MAY 12TH SESSION**
Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

9:35 – 9:45 **TRIBAL OPENING REMARKS, OVERVIEW, INTRODUCTIONS**
Tex Hall, President, National Congress of American Indians

Morning

Moderators: Kerry N. Weems Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget, Technology and Finance

H. Sally Smith, Chair, National Indian Health Board

Each presentation will consist of a five-minute summary of the submitted remarks by the designated Tribal representative. Following the five-minute statement, time is allotted for discussion/dialogue. The moderators will be assisted by a timekeeper to ensure that presentations follow the agenda so that all presentations are provided their scheduled time.

9:45 – 9:50 **ADMINISTRATION ON AGING**
CONFIRMED: Frank Chee Willetto, Sr., Chairman, NICOA
NICOA (GARY KODASEET) TO PREPARE WRITTEN REMARKS

9:50 – 10:10	Discussion/Dialogue
10:10 – 10:15	AMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES- <u>Child Care</u> <i>SUGGESTED: Joe Shirley, President, Navajo Nation</i> <i>UPON CONFIRMATION, NAVAJO NATION TO PREPARE WRITTEN REMARKS</i>
10:15 - 10:25	Discussion/Dialogue
10:25 – 10:30	ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES – <u>Indian Child Welfare</u> <i>CONFIRMED: Maurice Lyons, Chair, Morongo Band of Mission Indians</i>
10:30 – 10:40	Discussion/Dialogue
10:40 – 10:45	ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES – <u>Head Start</u> <i>CONFIRMED: Willie Jones, Vice-Chair, Lummi Indian Nation</i>
10:45 – 10:55	Discussion/Dialogue
10:55 – 11:00	ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES – <u>Administration for Native Americans</u>
11:00 – 11:10	Discussion/Dialogue
11:10 – 11:15	ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES – <u>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families</u> <i>CONFIRMED: Jonathan Windy Boy, Councilman, Chippewa Cree Tribe</i>
11:15 – 11:25	Discussion/Dialogue
11:25 – 11:40	TRIBAL COMMENTS
11:40 – 12:00	INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE IHS Budget Formulation Workgroup – Co-Chairs Tribal Self Governance Advisory Committee – Don Kashevaroff, Chair National Council of Urban Indian Health – D.J. Lott, President
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch (On your own)

Afternoon

Moderators:

Regina B. Schofield, Director, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

Jefferson Keel, Vice-President, Muskogee Area, National Congress of American Indians

1:00 – 2:00	INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE – CONTINUED
2:00- 2:05	AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH AND QUALITY <i>CONFIRMED: Pearl Capoeman-Baller, President, Quinault Nation</i>
2:05- 2:20	Discussion/Dialogue
2:20 – 2:25	AGENCY FOR TOXIC SUBSTANCES AND DISEASE REGISTRY
2:25 – 2:40	Discussion/Dialogue
2:40 – 2:45	CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION <i>CONFIRMED: H. Sally Smith, Chair, National Indian Health Board</i>
2:45 – 3:05	Discussion/Dialogue
3:05 – 3:10	HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION <i>CONFIRMED: Charles Colombe, President, Rosebud Sioux Tribe</i>
3:10 – 3:30	Discussion/Dialogue
3:30 – 3:35	NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH <i>CONFIRMED: Don Kashevaroff, Chair, Tribal Self Governance Advisory Committee</i>
3:35 – 3:55	Discussion/Dialogue
3:55 – 4:00	SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION <i>CONFIRMED: Vivian Juan-Saunders, Chair, Tohono O'odham Nation</i>
4:00 – 4:20	Discussion/Dialogue
4:20 – 4:45	TRIBAL COMMENTS
4:45 – 4:50	TRIBAL WRAP UP <i>CONFIRMED: John Blackhawk, National Indian Health Board</i>
4:50 -5:00	HHS SUMMATION <i>Claude Allen, Deputy Secretary, Health and Human Services</i> <i>Regina B. Schofield, Director, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs</i> <i>Kerry N. Weems, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Budget, Technology and Finance</i>
5:00	CLOSING PRAYER